

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In Re: ARAMID ENTERTAINMENT FUND LIMITED

DAVID MOLNER,

*Appellant,*

-against-

REED SMITH LLP, *et al.*,

*Appellees.*

Case No. 21-cv-4840-ER

**NOTICE AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER FOR  
WITHDRAWAL OF  
COUNSEL**

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, upon the annexed declaration, and subject to the approval of the Court, Julie C. Amadeo hereby withdraws as counsel for Defendants/Appellees Kroll, LLC (sued as Duff & Phelps, LLC), Duff & Phelps (Cayman) Limited (sued as Kinetic Partners), Geoffrey Varga, and Jess Shakespeare and shall be removed from the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) notification list in the above-captioned matter.

Dated: August 20, 2021  
New York, New York

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**SO ORDERED:**



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EDGARDO RAMOS  
United States District Judge  
New York, NY  
August 23, 2021

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**DECLARATION OF CHRIS  
PAPARELLA**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare, under penalty of perjury, the following:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP and am counsel for Defendants/Appellees Kroll, LLC (sued as Duff & Phelps, LLC), Duff & Phelps (Cayman) Limited (sued as Kinetic Partners), Geoffrey Varga, and Jess Shakespeare.
2. I submit this declaration in compliance with Local Civil Rule 1.4 to notify the Court that Julie C. Amadeo is withdrawing as counsel for Defendants/Appellees because she left the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.
3. I will continue to represent the above-listed Defendants/Appellees in this proceeding.
4. Ms. Amadeo's withdrawal will not delay the matter or prejudice any party.
5. Ms. Amadeo is not retaining a charging lien.

Dated: August 20, 2021  
New York, New York

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP

By: /s/ Chris Paparella  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Chris Paparella, herby affirm, under penalty of perjury, that copies of the foregoing Notice and Proposed Order of Withdrawal of Counsel, and the accompanying Declaration, have been duly served as of August 20, 2021 and were transmitted via the Court's CM-ECF system upon the following:

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